11. Dr. Abhijit Sen, Institute of Plasma Physics, Ahmedabad.

12. Shri Kartikya V. Sarabhai, Chidambaram, Usmanpura, Ahmedabad.

13. Director, National Council of Educational Research Training, New Delhi.

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Depriving Railway Teachers of the benefit of extension after superannuation

1831. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent decision of the Railway Board depriving Railway Teachers of the benefit of two years of extension of service after superannuation, conferred by an award to them, on Teachers day by the President of India on the 9th May, 1984; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b)

Statement

The age of retirement for railway school teachers was enhanced from 58 to 60, with effect from 2-9-1983, on the basis of orders issued by the Department of Education for teachers in centrally administered schools since, traditionally, the Railway Ministry have been following the service conditions laid down by the Department of Education for teachers in centrally administered schools.

Based on a writ petition in the Supreme Court by teachers of Ordnance Factory schools, Government reviewed the whole matter afresh, keeping in view the observations of the Supreme Court and the recommendations of the IV Central Pay Commission for a uniform retirement age of 58 years for all Central Government employees. Accordingly, Government have decided that the age of retirement for teachers working in all Central Government Organisations, including the Union Territories—whether they are in the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Defence, or any other Ministry or Department or in the Delhi Administration-should be uniformly 58 years, with effect from 1-4-1989.

This has therefore, been implemented by Ministry of Railways also. However, existing incumbents as on 31-3-1989 shall continue to enjoy the benefit of superannuation on attaining the age of 60 years.

Smuggling of Nepalese girls into India

1832. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased 1o state;

(a) whether Government are aware that about one lakh girls from Nepal are smuggled every year to India and are forced into the flesh trade as reported in the *Hindustan Times* of the 2nd January, 1989;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to stop illegal smug gling of girls from Nepal; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?